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The Honorable Ajit Pai, Chairman
The Honorable Michael O'Rielly, Commissioner
The Honorable Brendan Carr, Commissioner
The Honorable Jessica Rosenworcel, Commissioner

Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
455 12th Street, Southwest
Washington, DC, 20544

Dear Chairman Pai,

I write to support the Comments of the Cable Act Preservation Alliance ("CAPA") and to disapprove of the proposals and tentative conclusions set forth in the FCC's September 25 Further Notice of Proposed Rule Making in Implementation of Section 621(a)(1) of the Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984 as Amended by the Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act of 1992, MB Docket 05- 311.

Funding for community media is already too low when you qualify the services they render for each city, state, and township. A further reduction may result in termination of essential programs that aim to build community and reduce crime or unwarranted hate and aggression[1]. It should come as no surprise to anyone in Washington that these everyday threats, in schools and community spaces, can be prevented if there were more direct community involvement (e.g. youth programs)[2].

Community run media centers are also a vital source of creativity for youth and adults. Many people, like myself, have come to rely on their benefits. By day I have a satisfying corporate job, serving academic communities in delivery of scholarly content, and in the evenings I host a radio show that showcases little known or obscured artists and musicians. This outlet not only satisfies my creative instincts, but allows me to engage in an artistic energy that I cannot afford to pursue full-time.

Given these additional comments, and the many which have been shared over the past several weeks, I urge you to reconsider your position and continue to support of community media. Than you for your time.

Nick Dormer, Somerville, MA

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[1] https://journals.sagepub.com/eprint/VThwp5JSFz7eNKF5GkxW/full
[2] https://youth.gov/youth-topics/afterschool-programs/benefits-youth-families-and-communities